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The British Ministry—How it is Composed, and What are its Functions.

What is called the Ministry has never been recognized by law, but grew out of the custom of a few of the Privy or King's Council meeting of the Royal Cabinet and assuming the power of advising the Crown on important measures of Government. The real name of what we call the Ministry is the Cabinet, or Council Council, as the history of its origin implies. The only Council required by law is the Privy Council, and when official announcement is made of the members of the Cabinet they are announced simply as members of that Council appointed to fill certain offices. The Privy Council of England is coeval with its Monarchy, but, as the custom of confiding advice and counsel to the Cabinet has grown, its powers have largely diminished, and the whole Council has not been convened since 1830. The Privy Counsellors are appointed, without limit to their number by the sovereign, and they may be dismissed, or the Council may be dissolved, at the Royal pleasure. No qualification is necessary except that they be native-born subjects of great Britain, and a disability in this respect may be removed by an act of Parliament, as it was in the case of Prince Albert and the King of the Belgians. The Privy Council consists of members of the Royal family, the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Cabinet Ministers ex officio, the Lord Chancellor, the chief officers of the Royal household, the Judges of the Courts of Equity, the Chief Justices of the Courts of Common Law, the Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Judges, the Judge-Advocate, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Ambassadors and the chief Ministers Plenipotentiary, the Governors of the chief colonies, the Commander-in-Chief, the Vice-President of the Committee of Council for Education, and such others as the Crown may appoint. A Privy Counsellor is styled Right Honourable, and takes precedence of all Barons, Knights, and younger sons of Viscounts and Barons. It was in the reign of Henry VI. that the King's Council first assumed the name of Privy Council, and it was also during the minority of that King, that a select council gradually emerged from the larger body, which ultimately resulted in the modern Cabinet. In earlier times it was wholly subservient to the will of the Monarch, and was often the instrument of unconstitutional and arbitrary proceedings. Since the Revolution it has lost much of its dignity, and now the only relic of its authority in criminal matters is its power of taking examinations and issuing commitments for treason. It still, however, continues, to exercise an original jurisdiction in advising the Crown concerning the grants of charters, and it has assumed exclusive appellate jurisdiction over the colonies and dependencies of the Crown. Theoretically the Privy Council retains its ancient supremacy, and in a constitutional point of view is presumed to be the only logical and responsible council of the Crown.

The Ministry proper, or rather those members of the Privy Council who are members of the Cabinet, constitute the chief members of the Administration. The practice of consulting a few members of the Privy Council had existed, as has been said, for a long period, but the first allusion to the Cabinet Council occurs in the reign of Charles the First. It was extremely unpopular at first, and it was not till 1783 that it was regulated by those rules which it now enforces. Formerly the King met with the Ministry; but at the accession of George I., the first Hanoverian Prince on the throne of England, the practice was discontinued, merely because he was unable to speak or understand the English language. The free and unrestrained discussion of measures in his absence proved so beneficial that the old practice has never been revived. Before that time the Cabinet was not necessarily composed of men of similar judgment and principles, and at times there were at the same Board Whigs and Tories, and High Church men and Dissenters, and it was no uncommon thing for colleagues to take opposite sides in Parliament. But since 1812 it has been an established principle that all Cabinets are to be constructed on some basis of political union agreed upon by the members when they accept office. It is also distinctly understood that members are jointly and personally responsible for each other's acts, and that on the resignation of the Prime Minister his colleagues shall resign also. It is, of course, well known that the Crown in organizing a Cabinet, only appoints the Premier, and that the other members are selected by him, and always, except in rare cases, without dictation from the Crown. The first instance of the resignation of a Prime Minister resulting from an adverse vote of the Commons was in the case of Sir Robert Walpole; and the resignation of the Ministry of Lord North, under George III., was the first instance of a simultaneous change of the whole Administration in deference to the opinion of the Commons. From that time, however, a change of Ministry has been simultaneous and complete.

The number of those constituting the Cabinet is indefinite. The members who ex officio constitute the Cabinet are the Prime Minister (or first Lord of the Treasury), the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for India, the first Lord of the Admiralty, the President of the Board of Trade, and sometimes the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the first Commissioner of Works, the President of the Local Government Board, the Postmaster-General and the Chief Secretary for Ireland. Like the Cabinet, the office of Prime Minister is unknown to the law and Constitution. He is simply the member of the Cabinet who especially possesses the confidence of the Crown, and may be either a Peer or a Commoner. Lord Rockingham, in 1805, the Duke of Portland in 1832, and Mr. Addington in 1832 had never held any office when they were appointed Prime Ministers. Lord Bute became Premier before he had even spoken in Parliament, and Mr. Pitt was Prime Minister at the age of 21. Before 1806 the Premiership was occasionally held in connection with the office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or Secretary of State, or Lord Chancellor, but it is now invariably held in connection with the office of the first Lord of the Treasury. — *Harpur's Magazine*.

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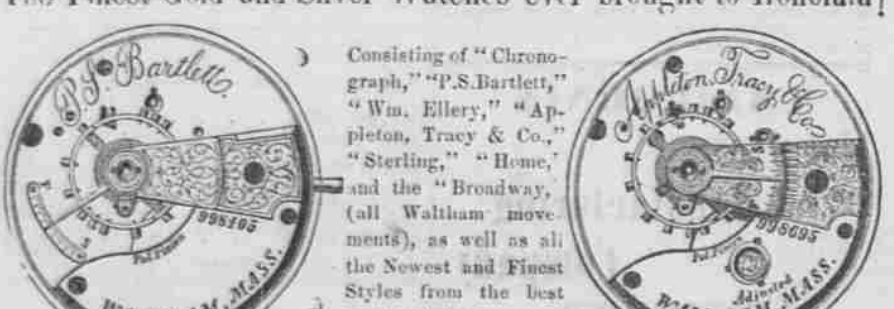
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